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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 18 April 2006 with a shortened statutory period set to expire on 18 July 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments to the claims and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks are included on pages 13 through 18 of this paper.

Copies of evidence of mailing a certified copy and receipt of the European application 02368142.2 by the U.S. Patent Office are given on page 19 and 20.